

William Elmer Jackson

1850-1950 Centennial History

William Elmer Jackson, son of William Edward and Martha Eldridge Jackson, was born June 7, 1879, in American Fork, Utah. He was six years old when his father died. His paternal grandparents were William W. and Ellese Wright Jackson, born in England. His maternal grandfather-related to Abraham Lincoln-was John Edridge, a member of the Mormon Battalion, and one of three scouts who entered Salt Lake Valley ahead of Brigham Young's company. His maternal grandmother was Sarah Chipman.

Elmer attended school in American Fork. On January 7, 1903, he married Juliet Peterson. The following August they moved from American Fork to Lehi, where he worked at the sugar factory and peddled produce to Bingham Canyon. The family spent nearly three years in Provo, and Elmer worked for the Telephone Company, while there. He sold automobiles for twenty years.

During the first world war, he traveled extensively, buying horses and mules for the Government. He worked at Camp Williams, Camp Kearns, Fort Douglas, and Deseret during the last war and deals at present with livestock.

He was first chairman of the Lehi Rodeo and worked on the Rodeo Committee for several years. For twenty years he worked on the Fifth Ward Old Folks Committee, acting as Chairman for six years. He is a seventy.

His children are : Mildred Wilkinson, Elmer Eldon, Clell, Phyllis MacQueen and Beth Stanger. His mother died in Provo, November 30, 1949. He has two sisters, Pearl Brinton and Ella Gladhill, and two half sisters Julia Knudsen and Arlene Lemon.

His hobby is dancing.

